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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS--AUSTRALIA

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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JUNE 25 FROM AUSTRALIAN MISSION (MCGREGOR) PRESENTING LATEST COMPENSATION OFFER IN GATT ART. XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS AS FOLLOWS. AUSTRALIA NOTES US ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER REDUCE DUTY ON 19.07.300, TRIPODS, FROM 55 PERCENT TO 30 PERCENT AND BIND. THEY HAVE MAINTAINED EARLIER OFFER ON EX 19.09.00, OTHER PROJECTORS EXCEPTING RPT EXCEPTING OVERHEAD PROJECTORS, REDUCE DUTY TO 10 PERCENT AND BIND. LETTER STATES THEY UNABLE MEET US REQUEST TO MAKE SAME REDUCTION ON EX 19.09.900, OVERHEAD PROJECOTES, BUT CAN BIND LATTER AT 17.5 PERCENT.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH MCGREGOR, WE OBSERVED BINDING OFFERED ON OVERHEAD PROJECTORS WAS FOR EXISTING RATE

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ONLY. WE RECALLED THAT US REACTION TO EARLIER AUS-

TRALIAN OFFER TO INCREASE DUTY ON ENTIRE ITEM TO 20 PERCENT AND BIND WAS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY AS DEPARTURE POINT FOR DISCUSSIONS. WHILE CURRENT 10 PERCENT OFFER ON PART OF ITEM WAS USEFUL IMPROVEMENT IN LINE WITH US REQUEST, RETURN ONLY TO 17.5 PERCENT CURRENT BINDING ON OVERHEAD PROJECTORS THEREFORE RAISED DOUBTS IN OUR MIND RE OVERALL ACCEPTABILITY THIS LATEST PACKAGE OFFER IN WASHINGTON. WE SAID THIS WULD APPEAR LEAD US INTO QUESTION OF WHETHER GIVE ONLY PARTIAL CREDIT ON 19.19.900 SINCE NO SEPARATE FIGURES AVAIAABLE ON THE TWO EX-OUTS.

3. WE ASKED WHETHER, AS MEANS AVOIDING POSSIBLE FURTHER DELAYS, MCGREGOR HAD ANY FLEXIBILITY EITHER TO IMPROVE OFFER ON OVERHEAD PROJECTORS OR TO OFFER ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATE ITEM, BUT THE SAID HE HAD NONE. LETTER BEING POUCHED COMMERCE (ROHR) AND EC/OT/TA (BARRACLOUGH). ABRAMS

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